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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The present invention relates to a method for the preparation of hexahydro-furo[2,3-b]furan-3-ol as well as novel intermediates for use in said method. More in particular the invention relates to a stereoselective method for the preparation of hexahydro-furo[2,3-b]furan-3-ol, and to a method amenable to industrial scaling up.

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